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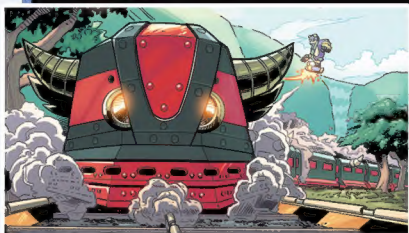
THE HEDGEHOG

WHO'S WHO

PREVIOUSLY...

RESCUE MISSION MAYHEM!

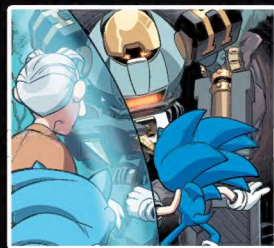
The Shattered World Crisis is upon us! Thanks to the mad schemes of Dr. Eggman, Sonic's world has been cracked to pieces! The planet's crust now exists as a series of floating continents!



In an effort to learn more about the state of the world, Dr. Eggman had one of his Badnik Hordes kidnap Professors Pickle and Charles the Hedgehog, as well as steal all their research.

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters rushed to the rescue, boarding the train carrying the professors and their work.

But now the train is speeding out of control, and Sonic has come face to face with the deadly super-badnik, E-106 Eta...



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE



PROF. CHARLES THE HEDGEHOG
ADVENTURING SCIENTIST



PROF. PICKLE
HISTORICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST



E-106 ETA
HORDE COMMANDER

HEY KIDS!

REMEMBER TO CONTINUE READING TO THE LAST PAGE IN THIS COMIC TO SEE THE SPECIAL "AFTER THE CREDITS" ENDING!

SOLEANNA
FOREST ZONE.

ABOARD A BULLET TRAIN
BOUND TO RAIL CANYON
ZONE...

PROF. PICKLE
BRILLIANT
BUT ALOOF

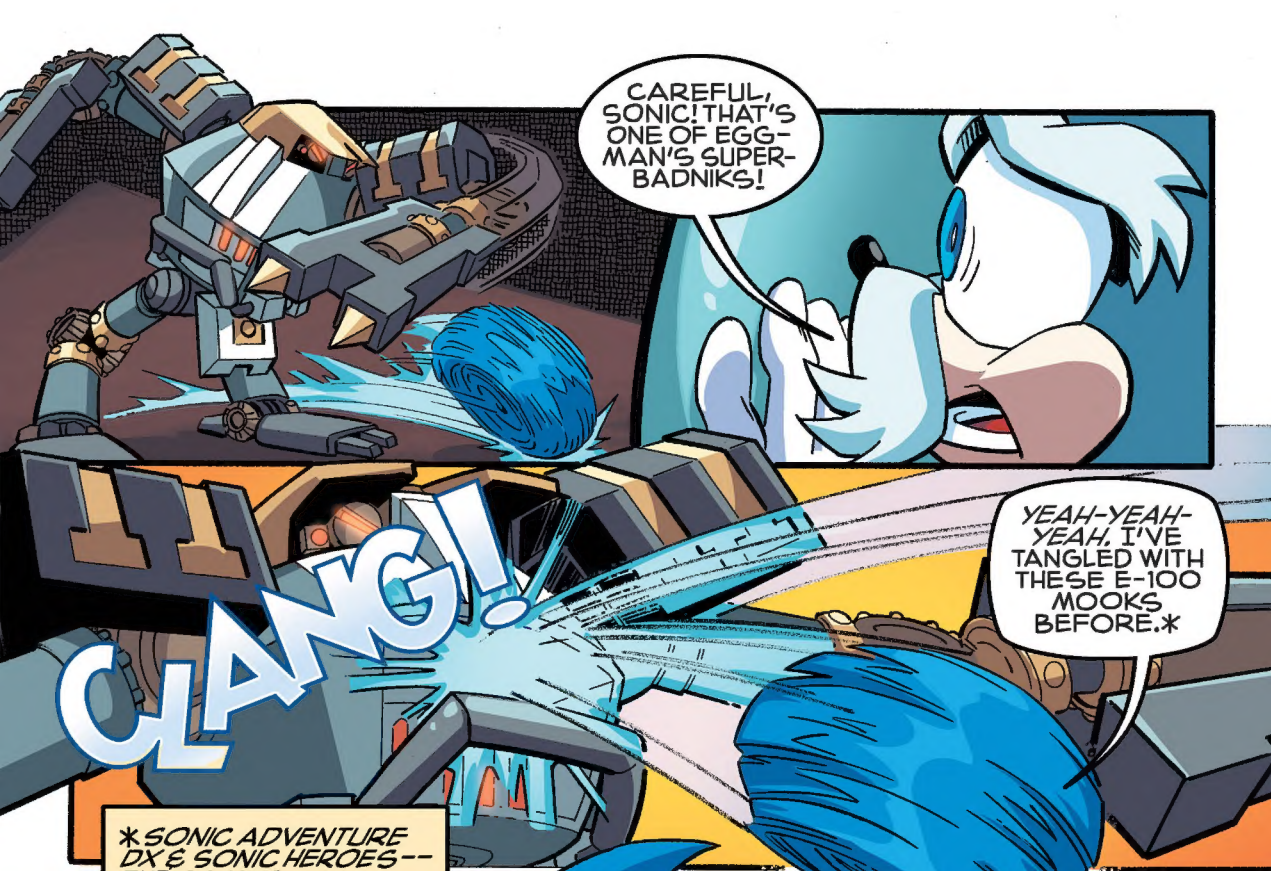
PROF. CHARLES
"UNCLE CHUCK"
TO MOST

SONIC
OUR HERO

SWING
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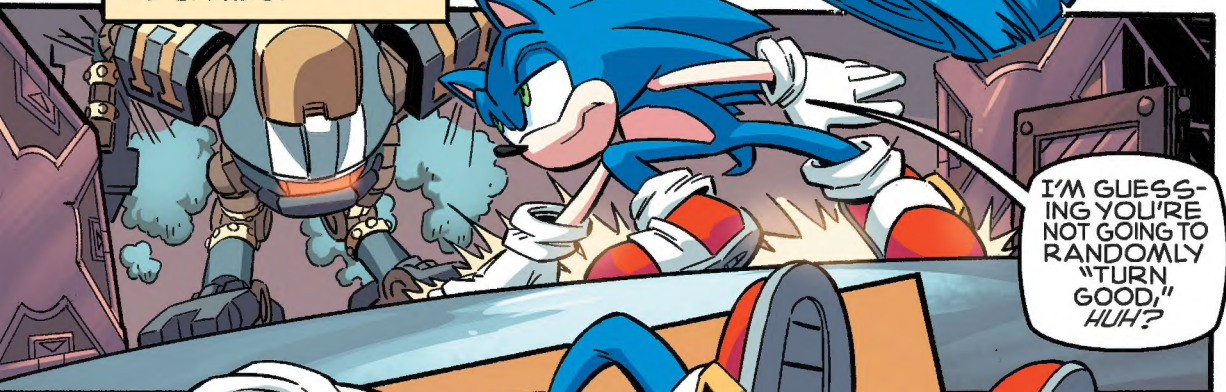


CAREFUL, SONIC! THAT'S ONE OF EGG-MAN'S SUPER-BADNIKS!

YEAH-YEAH-YEAH, I'VE TANGLED WITH THESE E-100 MOOKS BEFORE.*

CLANG!

*SONIC ADVENTURE DX & SONIC HEROES-- THE GAMES.



I'M GUESSING YOU'RE NOT GOING TO RANDOMLY "TURN GOOD," HUH?



Y'KNOW, I WOULDN'T MIND SOME BACKUP FROM MY TEAM!

KA-THUNK!

HE DEVOTED AN ENTIRE TRAIN CAR TO A FOOSBALL TABLE?

AMY-ROSE
HAMMER-
WELDING
HEROINE

OH, GROSS!
THE FOOSBALL
IS SHAPED LIKE
SONIC'S HEAD!

GUYS?
I THINK
I HEAR FIGHT-
ING IN THE NEXT
CAR...

SALLY ACORN
TEAM LEADER

ROTOR
BATTLE-
MECHANIC

SCREEEECHI!

IT DOESN'T
MATTER IF THIS
TRAIN IS EGGMAN-
TECH. IF WE HIT
ANOTHER TURN
LIKE THAT AT THIS
SPEED, WE'RE ALL
TOAST.

LET'S
HURRY.

HOPEFULLY,
WHAT I
HEARD WAS
SONIC
CLEARING
OUT THE
DEFENSES
FOR US.

SPEAKING OF
WHICH... SALLY
TO AIR SUPPORT,
TAILS? ANTOINE?
BUNNIE? DOES
ANYBODY
COPY?

IN THE SKIES ABOVE...

THE TORNADO SOUPED-UP BIPLANE

BAM! BAM!
BAM!

BUNNIE CYBORG

THANKS, BUNNIE!

SHO' NUFF, SUGAR.

TAILS YOUNG GENIUS

WE'RE DEALIN' WITH A SWARM OF BADNIKS, SALLY-GIRL, AND AH'M ABOUT ALL TUCKERED OUT.

COPY THAT, BUNNIE. DON'T OVEREXERT YOURSELF. TORNADO AND TWISTER --TAKE CARE OF THE BADNIKS ON THE DOUBLE. I THINK WE'VE FOUND THE PROFESSORS, SO WE'RE GOING TO NEED A PICK-UP SOON!

KAT-HUNKITA-KAT-HUNKITA-KAT-HUNKITA!

THAT'S IT, SONNY-BOY! RUN RINGS AROUND IT!

GRACIOUS! SUCH A SURLY MECHANICAL PORTER! DO NOT TIP HIM, M'BOY!

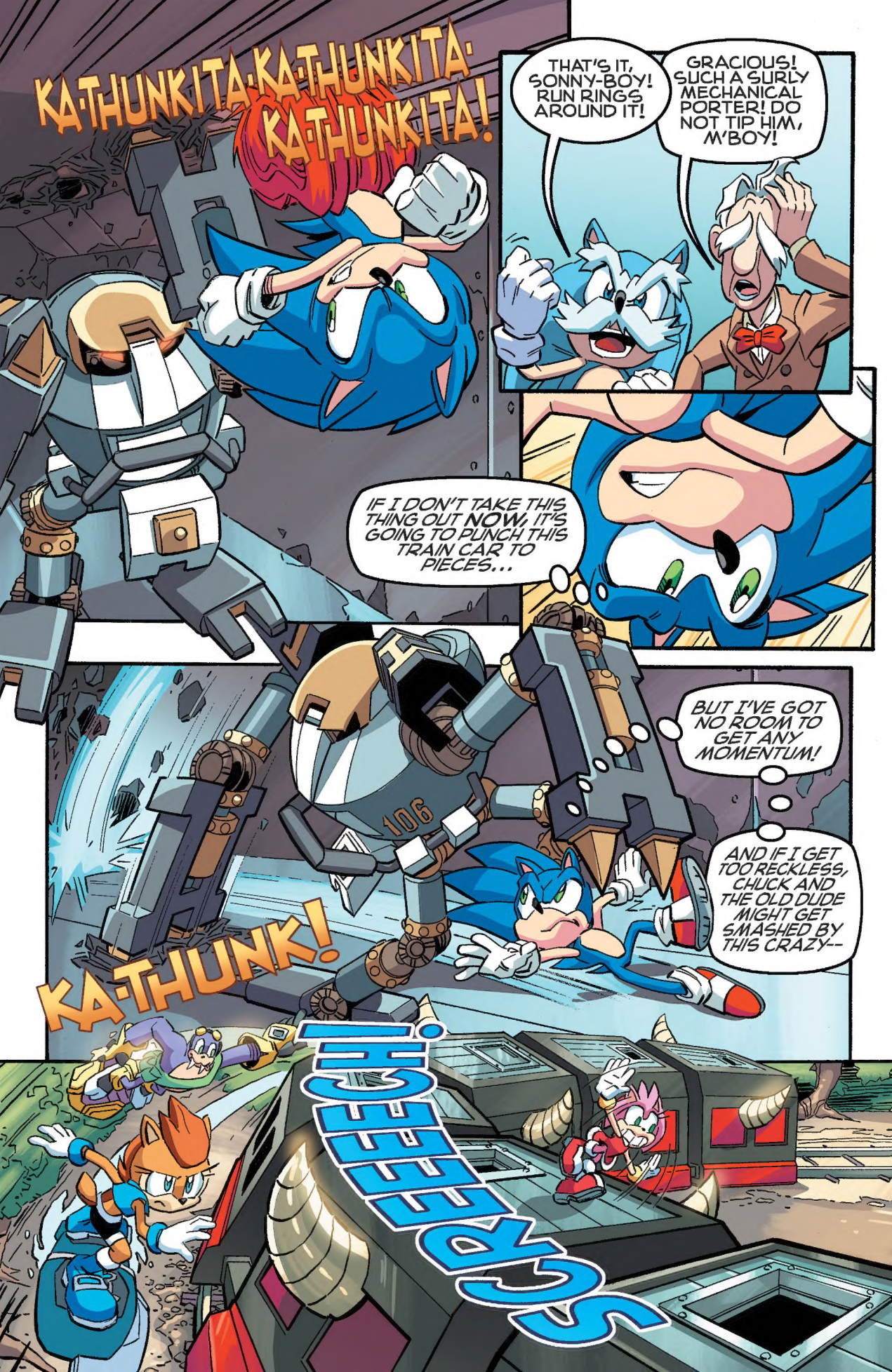
IF I DON'T TAKE THIS THING OUT NOW, IT'S GOING TO PUNCH THIS TRAIN CAR TO PIECES...

BUT I'VE GOT NO ROOM TO GET ANY MOMENTUM!

AND IF I GET TOO RECKLESS, CHUCK AND THE OLD DUDE MIGHT GET SMASHED BY THIS CRAZY--

KAT-HUNK!

CHUCK

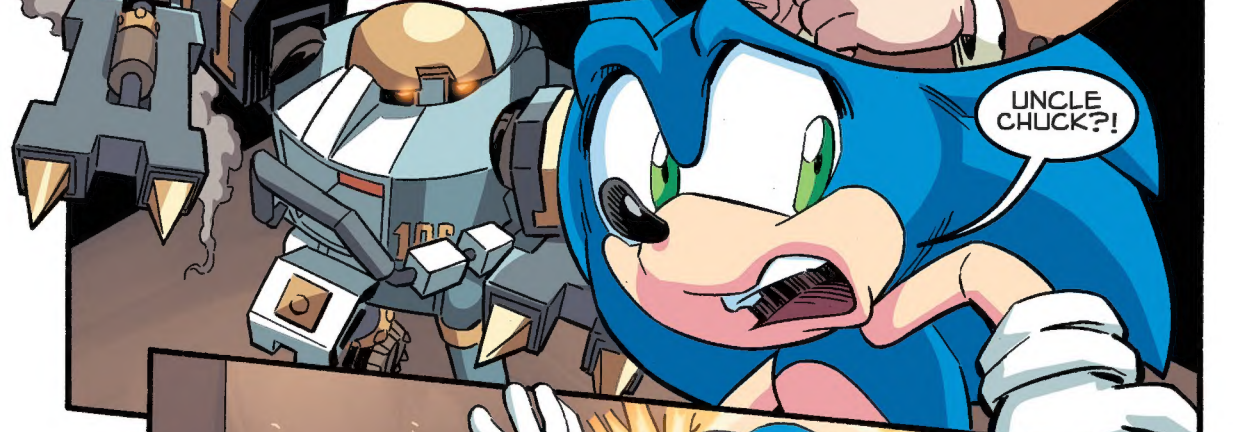




CHARLES?
MY WORD...
CHARLES!
WAKE UP!

CLONK!

PSSST

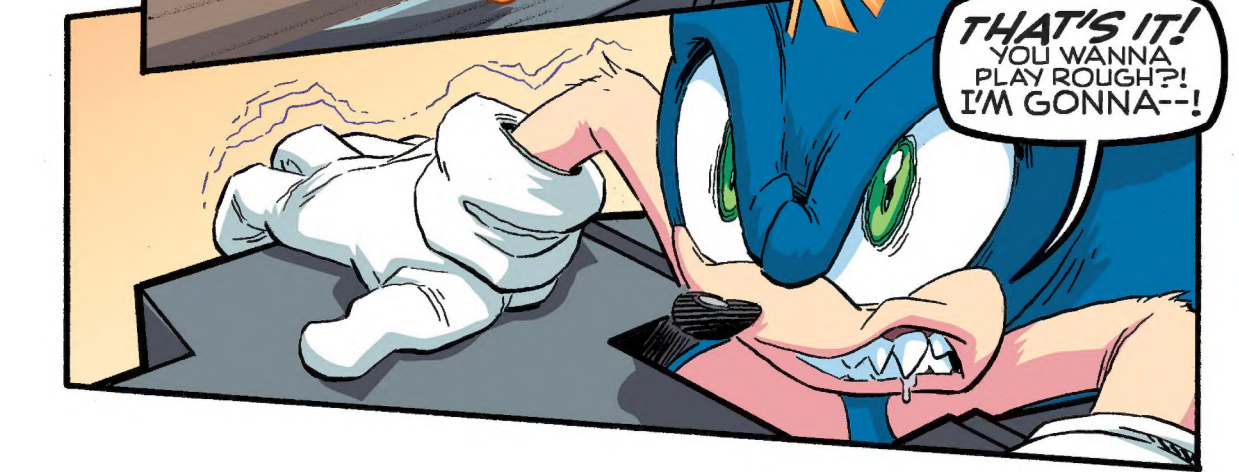


UNCLE
CHUCK?!

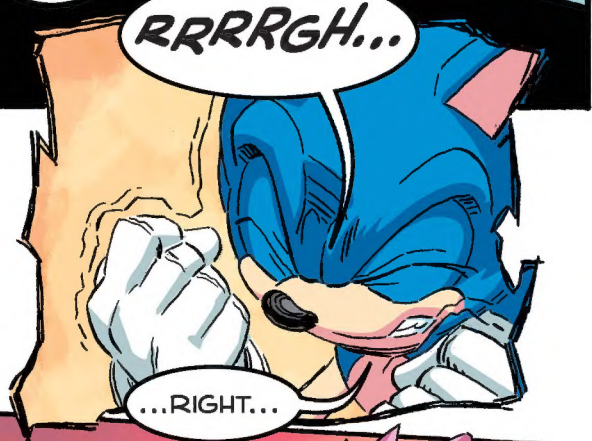


KA-THUNK!

THAT'S IT!
YOU WANNA
PLAY ROUGH?!
I'M GONNA--!



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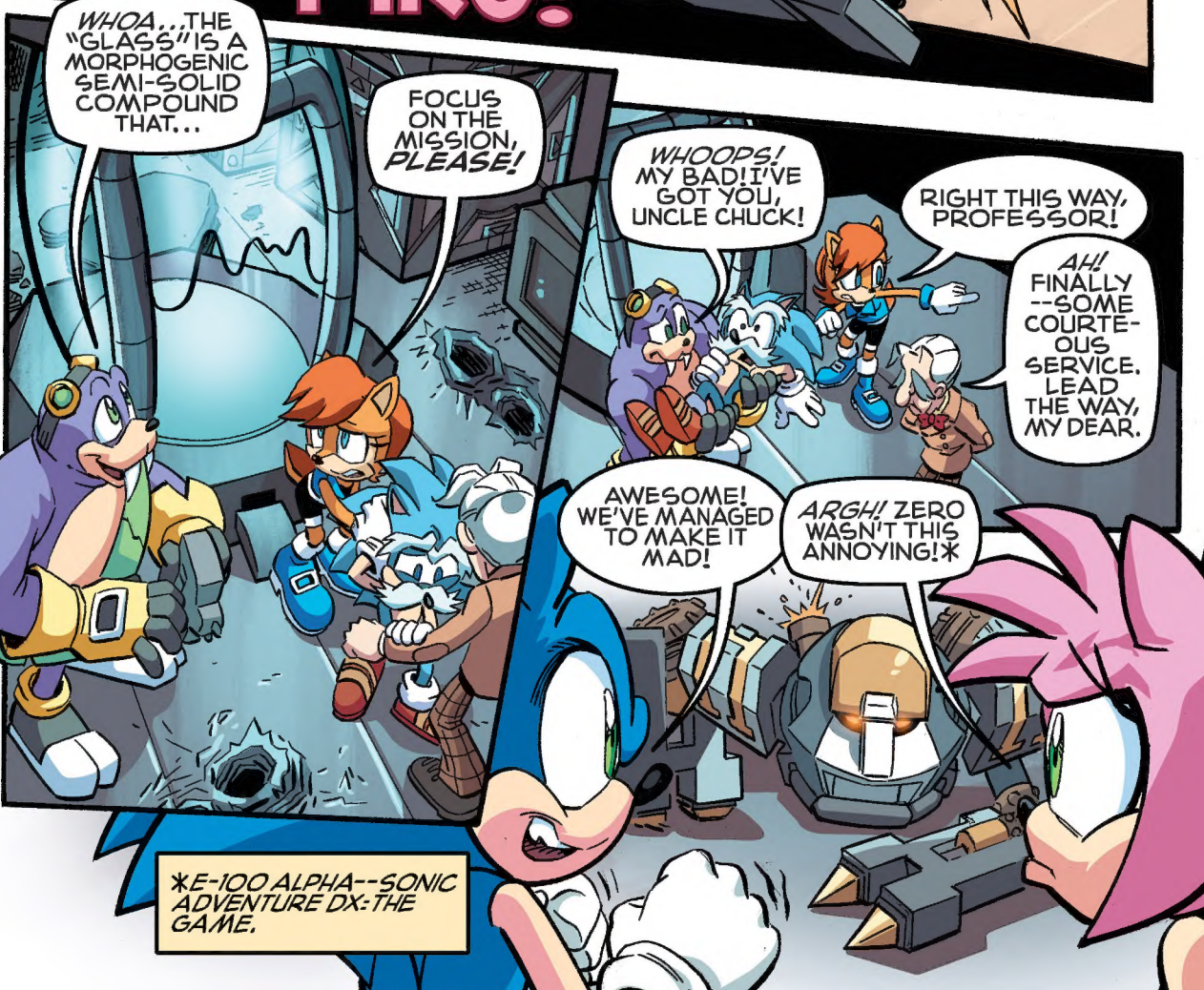
CROQUET SPECIAL!

COMIN' RIGHT UP!

VEE-VEE-VEE-VEE-!

WHAM!

PIKO!



WHOA...THE "GLASS" IS A MORPHOGENIC SEMI-SOLID COMPOUND THAT...

FOCUS ON THE MISSION, PLEASE!

WHOOOPS! MY BADI'VE GOT YOU, UNCLE CHUCK!

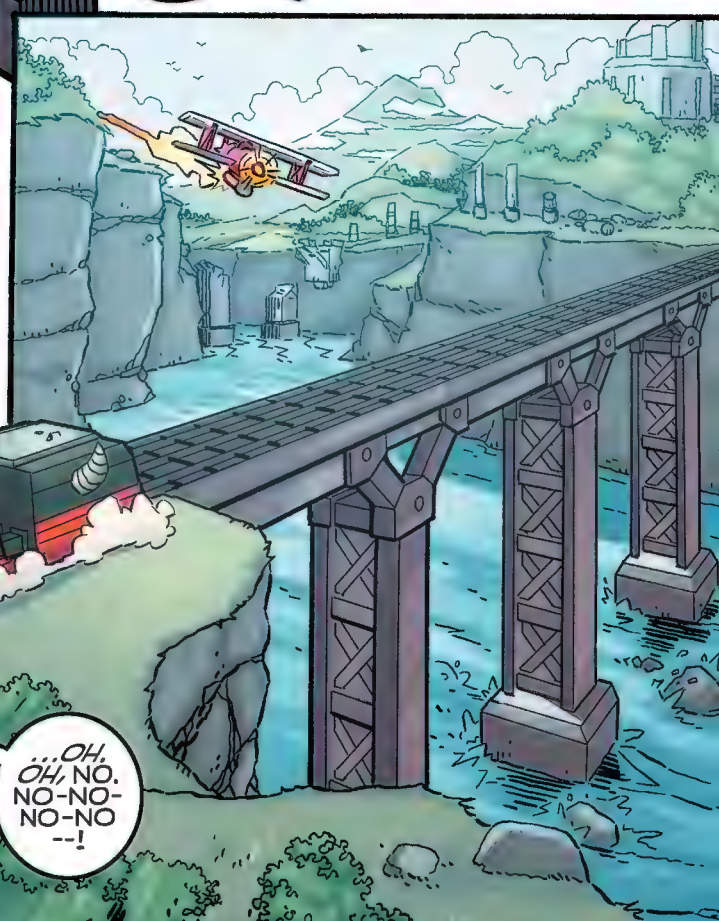
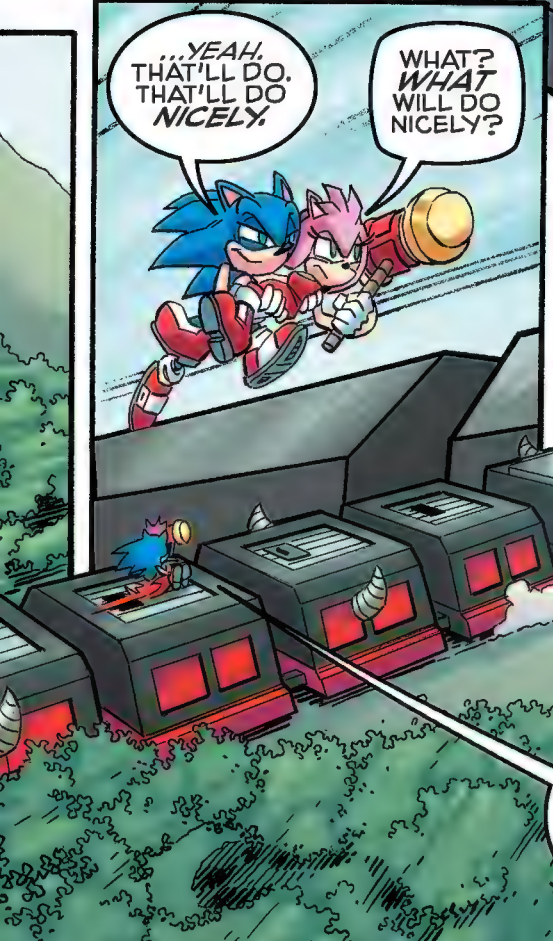
RIGHT THIS WAY, PROFESSOR!

AH! FINALLY --SOME COURTEOUS SERVICE. LEAD THE WAY, MY DEAR.

AWESOME! WE'VE MANAGED TO MAKE IT MAD!

ARGH! ZERO WASN'T THIS ANNOYING!*

*E-100 ALPHA--SONIC ADVENTURE DX: THE GAME.



AHHH!
I CAN'T
WATCH!

SHRIP!

BUT
YOU'LL
MISS
ALL THE
FUN!

PIKO!

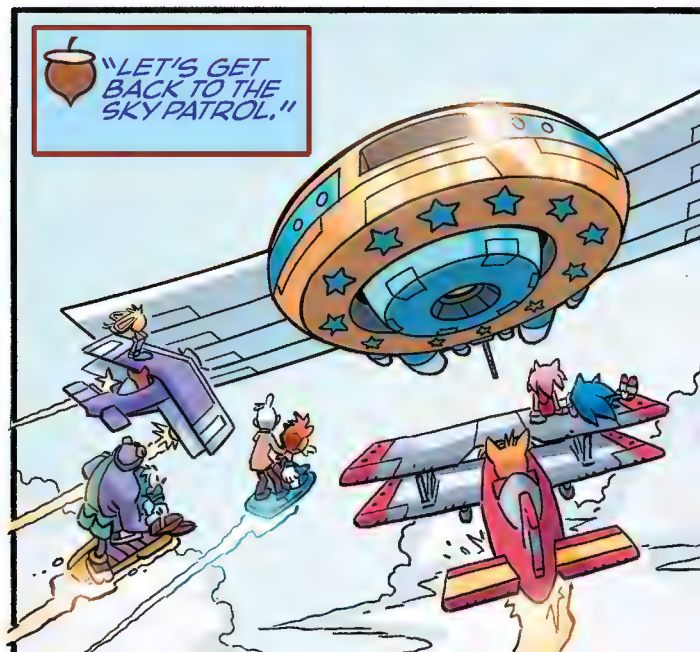
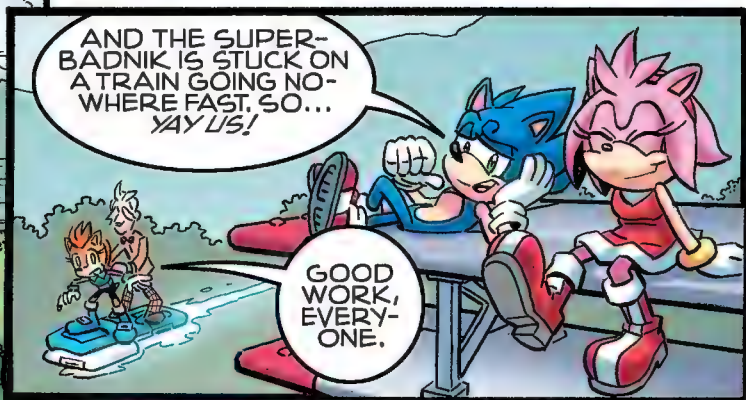
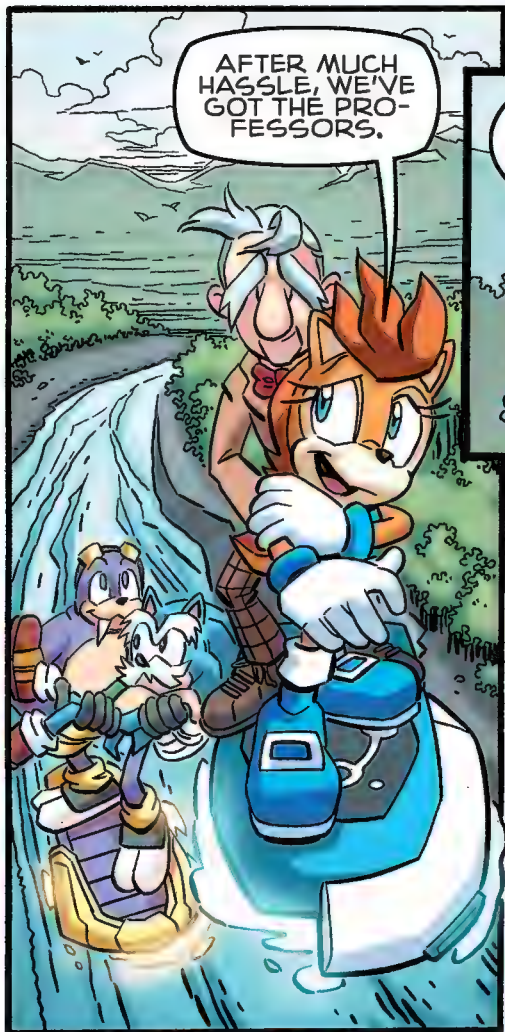
KATHUNK!

THAT...
WAS...NERVE-
WRACKING!

AND YET YOU'RE
STANDING ON THE
WINGS OF A
PLANE.

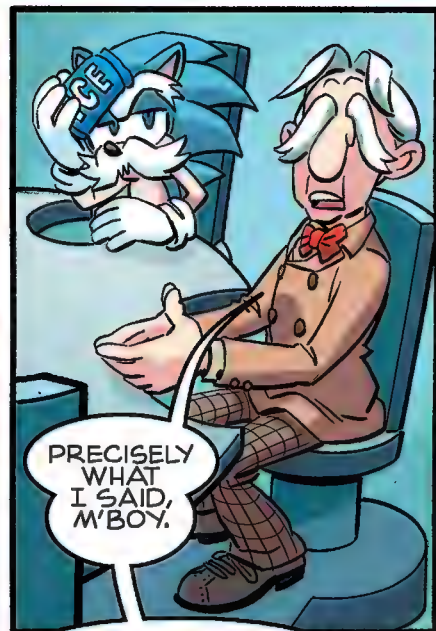
I...BUT...
SHUT UP!

HAHAHA!



SHORTLY...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WE LOST YOUR STUFF"?!



PRECISELY WHAT I SAID, M'BOY.

YOU FAILED TO RECOVER ALL THE RESEARCH MATERIAL I'D ACQUIRED, AS WELL AS ALL THE SAMPLES CHARLES HAD COLLECTED.

OH, SO YOU DIDN'T THINK TO BRING IT UP WHILE I WAS BUSY SAVING YOUR LIVES?!



YOU WERE QUITE INVOLVED WITH YOUR FISTICUFFS. IT WOULD'VE BEEN RUDE TO INTERRUPT. FROM THERE, IT MUST HAVE... MMM, SLIPPED MY MIND.

MY EXCUSE IS THAT I WAS UNCONSCIOUS.

AND THIS GUY'S SUPPOSED TO BE A "GENIUS," FOLKS...



SONIC.

PROFESSOR PICKLE --WHAT WAS IT YOU WERE RESEARCHING? WHAT DID DR. EGGMAN WANT WITH YOU?



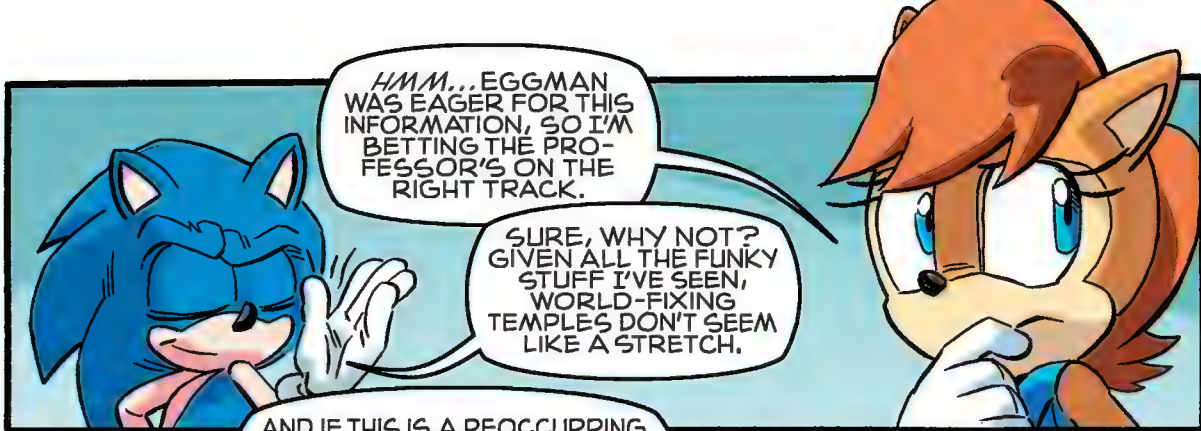
AH, WELL... I HAD NEARLY COMPLETED DECODING THE GAIA MANUSCRIPTS.

TO PUT IT SIMPLY, THEY TELL OF AN ANCIENT MYTH REVOLVING AROUND THE DEATH AND RE-BIRTH OF OUR WORLD. EVERY TEN THOUSAND YEARS, THE WORLD IS SAID TO SHATTER APART...

... MUCH LIKE OUR CURRENT PREDICAMENT, MMM?

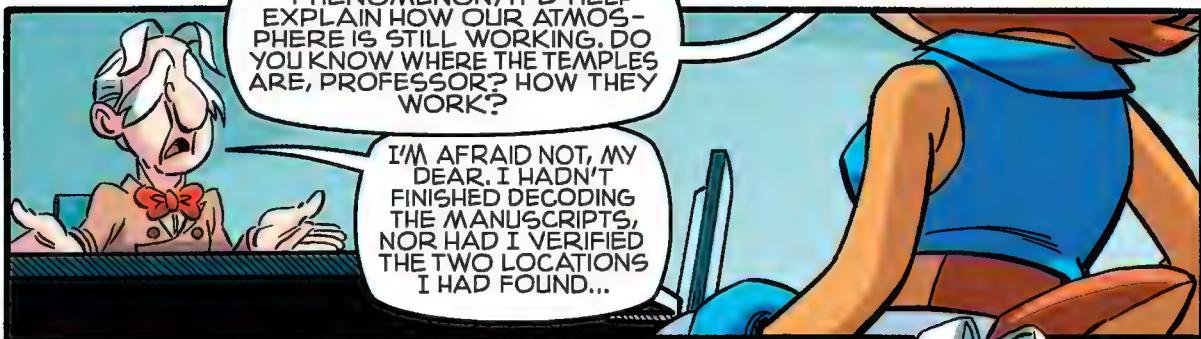
NOW, ACCORDING TO THE MANUSCRIPTS, THERE ARE SEVEN GAIA TEMPLES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THEY'RE SAID TO HAVE SOME SORT OF CONNECTION TO THE CHAOS EMERALDS, SOMEHOW TYING INTO THEIR POWER.

FROM WHAT I'VE DECIPHERED, IT SEEMS THAT WHEN THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE GATHERED AND PLACED IN THE SEVEN GAIA TEMPLES, THEY WILL RESTORE THE WORLD TO ORDER AND BEGIN THE PROCESS OF REBIRTH.



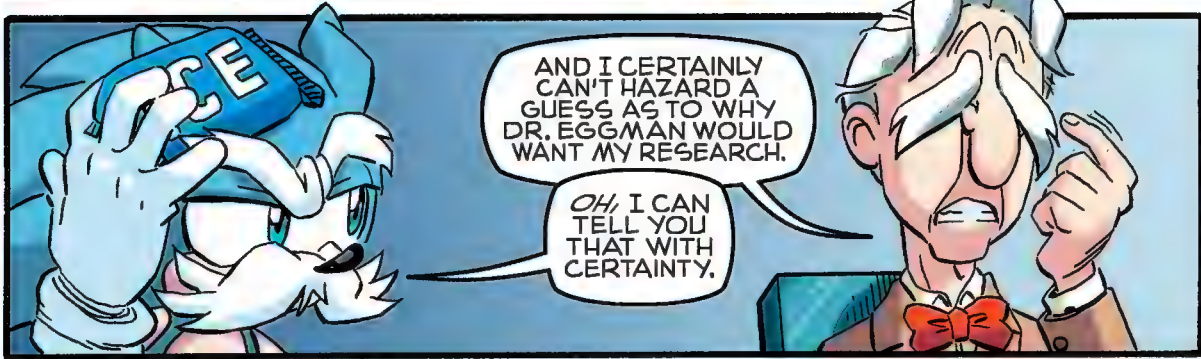
HMM... EGGMAN WAS EAGER FOR THIS INFORMATION, SO I'M BETTING THE PROFESSOR'S ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

SURE, WHY NOT? GIVEN ALL THE FUNKY STUFF I'VE SEEN, WORLD-FIXING TEMPLES DON'T SEEM LIKE A STRETCH.



AND IF THIS IS A REOCCURRING PHENOMENON, IT'D HELP EXPLAIN HOW OUR ATMOSPHERE IS STILL WORKING. DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE TEMPLES ARE, PROFESSOR? HOW THEY WORK?

I'M AFRAID NOT, MY DEAR. I HADN'T FINISHED DECODING THE MANUSCRIPTS, NOR HAD I VERIFIED THE TWO LOCATIONS I HAD FOUND...

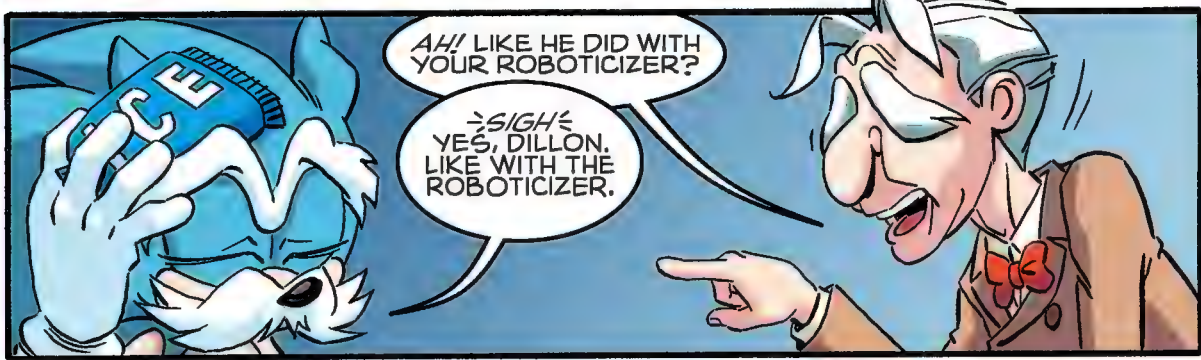


AND I CERTAINLY CAN'T HAZARD A GUESS AS TO WHY DR. EGGMAN WOULD WANT MY RESEARCH.

OH, I CAN TELL YOU THAT WITH CERTAINTY.



HE WANTS TO CONTROL HOW THE WORLD GETS PUT BACK TOGETHER, OR EVEN HOLD THE ENTIRE PLANET HOSTAGE. IT'S HOW HE WORKS-- **CORRUPTING** ANYTHING GOOD THAT HE TOUCHES AND TWISTING IT TO SUIT HIS SELFISH NEEDS.



AH! LIKE HE DID WITH YOUR ROBOTICIZER?

>SIGH< YES, DILLON. LIKE WITH THE ROBOTICIZER.

WELL...IF THE PROFESSOR'S NOTES POINT OUT ONLY TWO OF THE TEMPLES, THAT DOESN'T GIVE EGGMAN *THAT* MUCH OF A HEAD START.

RIGHT. AND WHILE HE'S CATCHING UP ON HIS READING, *WE* KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO BE LOOKING FOR ALREADY!

BOOYAH!
SEVEN EMERALDS AND SEVEN TEMPLES!

WE'VE GOT THE SKY PATROL!

WE'VE GOT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS BACK TOGETHER!

WE'VE GOT *ME!* HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

I'LL GET IN CONTACT WITH OUR FRIENDS ABROAD AND GET THEM TO HELP IN THE SEARCH! NICOLE CAN SCAN THE EGGNET FOR ANY RELATED DATA.

I HATE TO UNDERCUT YOUR OPTIMISM, BUT THERE'S MORE.

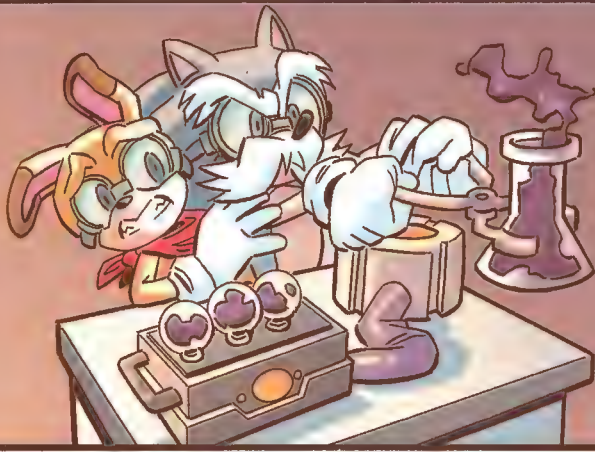
HUH? OH, RIGHT! SOMETHING ABOUT THE SAMPLES YOU TOOK FROM WOOD ZONE?*

*STH #254.

DID THE GAIA MANUSCRIPTS SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A SICKNESS COMING OUT OF THE EARTH?

HMM... ACTUALLY, I BELIEVE SO! SOMETHING ABOUT A "DARK GAIA" THAT INSTIGATED CORRUPTION AND THE SUPPOSED DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD. A RATHER NASTY, MALEVOLENT DEITY.

"WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF ANY EVIL GODS ARE INVOLVED, BUT THE STRANGE, DARK ENERGY SEEPING OUT OF THE GROUND IS SOME NASTY STUFF!"



"JUST A FEW SHORT TESTS PROVED IT WAS HIGHLY DANGEROUS, CORRUPTIVE, AND HAS INCREDIBLE MUTAGENIC PROPERTIES!"

WE'RE TALKING THE POSSIBILITY OF TOTAL CELLULAR RE-WRITE.

I'M FINE, CHUCK. HONEST.

~SIGH~ ANYWAY-- BEFORE, WITH THE MINOR EARTHQUAKES, IT WAS SEEPING OUT, BUT THE CONCENTRATION SEEMED QUITE LOW.

WE'VE GOT TO FIX THINGS BEFORE WE REACH TOTAL GLOBAL SATURATION.

WITH THE WORLD AS IT IS, IT'S POURING OUT.

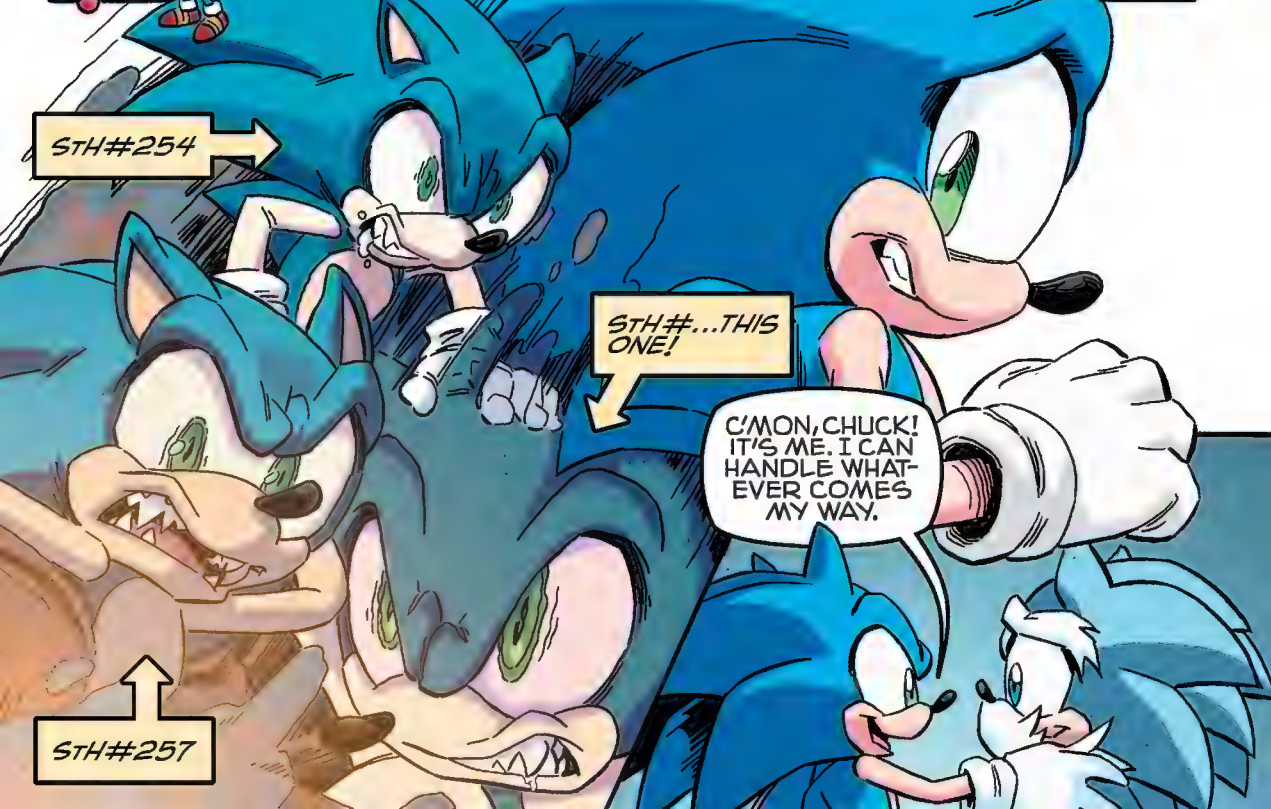
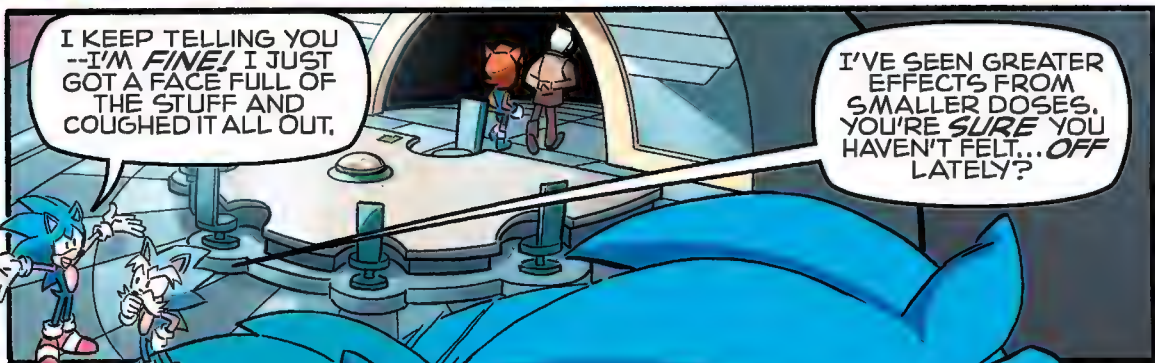
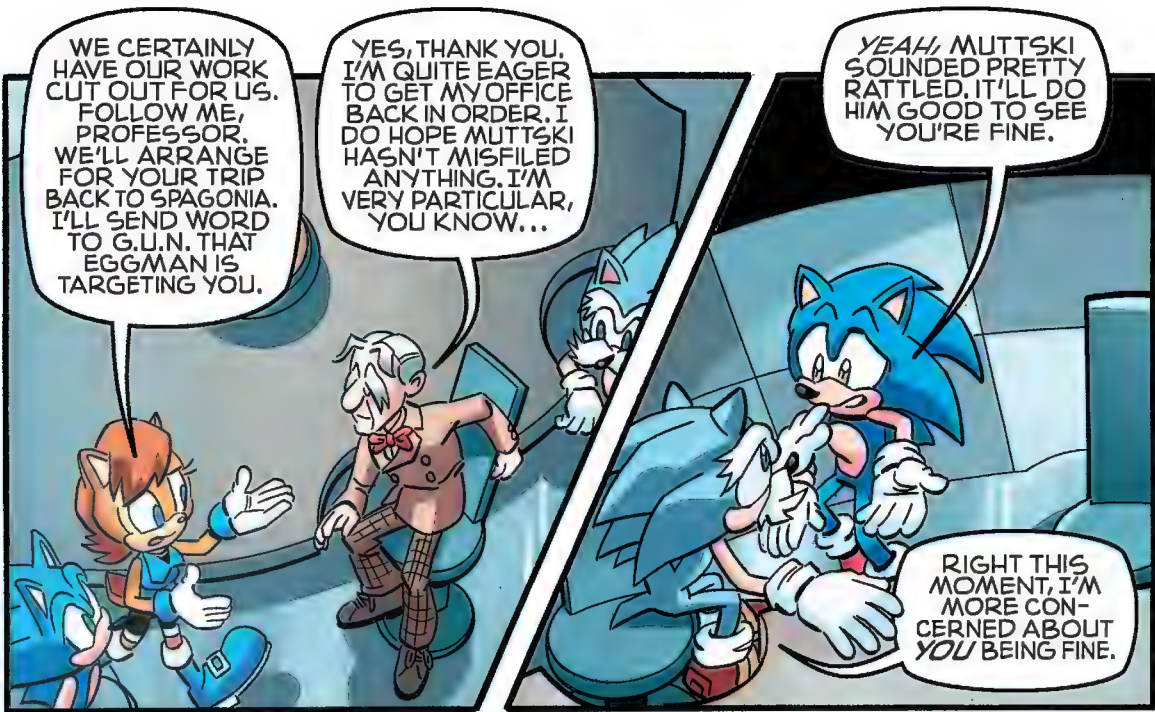
ON TOP OF THE WHOLE SHATTERED-WORLD THING.

HEY--IF ANYONE CAN HANDLE THIS KIND OF ADVENTURE, IT'S YOU.

WHY DO I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE PURPOSEFULLY LEAVING ME OUT OF THE LOOP ON SOMETHING?

IT'S NOTHING!

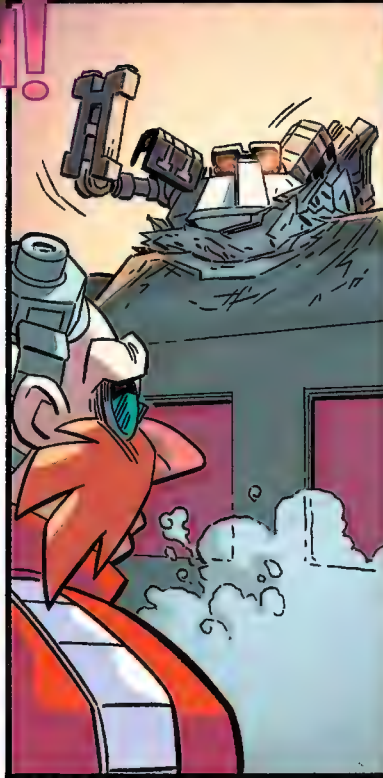
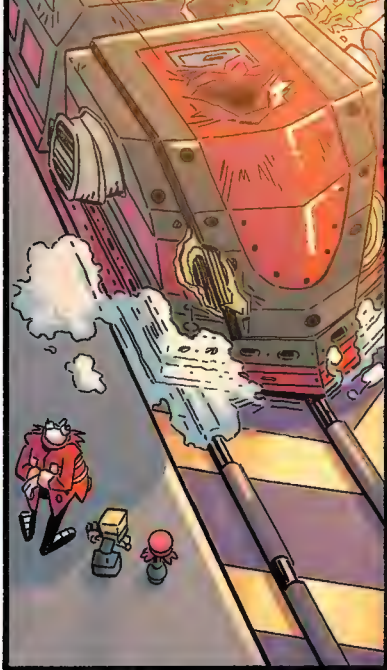
REALLY! WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF OTHER STUFF TO WORRY ABOUT RIGHT NOW, SAL.



BULLET STATION,
RAIL CANYON
ZONE...

SCREEEECH!

SCREEEECH!



...ON A
POSITIVE
NOTE, IT ARRIVED
ON TIME. HONESTLY,
WE'RE LUCKY THE
TRACKS STAYED IN-
TACT, CONSIDERING
THE STATE OF
THE PLANET.

JUST GET ME
AN INVENTORY
OF WHAT WAS
LOST!





SHORTLY...

THE GOOD NEWS IS YOUR MUNITIONS AND FUEL SUPPLIES ARRIVED INTACT.

AND THE BAD NEWS?



... TOTAL LOSS OF THE BADNIK UNITS, ALL YOUR FOOD PROVISIONS SPOILED, YOU LOST BOTH CAPTIVES, AND YOUR CUSTOM-ORDER FOOSBALL TABLE SHALL FOOS NO MORE.



...AND YET YOU'RE NOT THROWING A TANTRUM.

FOOD CAN BE REPLACED, AND SONIC CAN HAVE THOSE WHITE-HAIRED IGNORAMUSES.



I GOT WHAT REALLY MATTERS.

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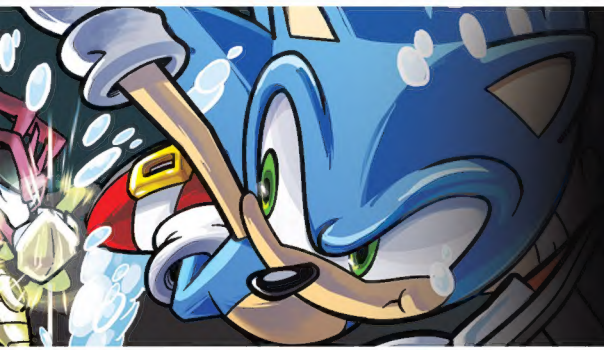
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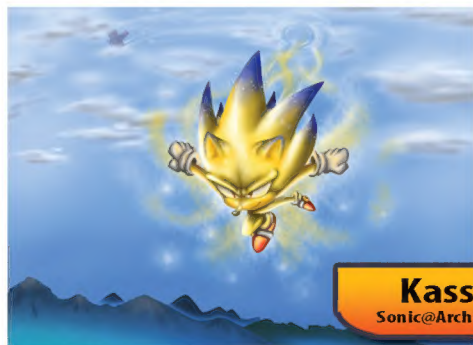
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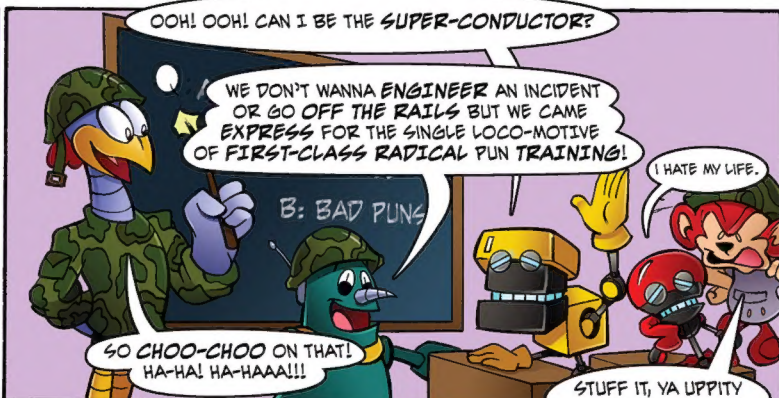
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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Hello! This is my first time writing a letter to you guys!

There's a first time for everything! Hopefully this will be the start of a trend!

I have so many questions to ask you, so I hope you can answer them.

Serving up the usual, with a side of awesome sauce!

I know that the entire timeline of Sonic's world is reset and Sonic and his friends don't remember anything about their old timeline.

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters still remember bits and pieces of the old timeline, but their new memories have slowly begun to overshadow their original memories. Whether or not they completely take over has

yet to be seen!

My question is this: What happened to Knuckles, the Chaotix, and the rest of the characters that have gone missing? Did their memories of the old timeline vanish too?

You'll find out more about Knuckles and the Chaotix really soon in their all-new story arc "The Great Chaos Caper," happening in Sonic Universe issues 63-66! I think you'll be pleasantly surprised to see which other characters show up!

Since the planet is breaking apart, is it going to be similar to the game Sonic Unleashed? I would love to see Sonic face Dark Gaia in the comics.

There will definitely be some strong similarities, but also a lot of differences! As you can see, Professor Pickle has already made his

appearance, and you might see another familiar face from that game appearing in Sonic Universe soon!

Tracy Yardley does a fantastic job with the pencil layouts in these Sonic comics, and I like them a lot. I guess that's it for now. I hope you respond to my letter.

From your biggest & loyal fan,
Jordan W.
from Wisconsin

Thanks for the letter, Jordan! We will pass your compliments on to Mr. Yardley!

That's all the room we have! See y'all next month for the start of an all-new adventure! Grab your goggles and swimsuits because we are about to dive into the "Waves of Change," part one of four!

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SIR!
DR. EGGMAN
ON THE LINE
FOR YOU!

NOW
WHAT
?

YES, SIR?
UH-HUH. UH-
HUH. WILL DO,
SIR. NO. YES,
I UNDERSTAND.
COMPLETELY
UNDERSTAND.
UH-HUH. THANK
YOU, SIR.

AXEL
THE WATER BUFFALO
REGIONAL EGG BOSS

WHAT WAS
THAT ABOUT?
HE SOUNDED
SO URGENT!

PLIH, WHO
KNOWS? WE'RE
UNDER STRICT
ORDERS TO
DEFEND THIS
BASE NO
MATTER
WHAT.

"APPARENTLY HE'S
FOUND SOME NEW
FASCINATION WITH
ANCIENT
TEMPLES..."

THE **CHASE** IS OVER
--BUT THE **RACE** IS ON!
WHERE ARE THE **CHAOS EMERALDS**?
WHERE ARE THE **GAIA TEMPLES**?
THE SEARCH BEGINS NEXT TIME!

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